

RESOLUTION

NO.: 2011-04-104

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: April 12, 2011

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILLS 4148, 4149 & 4150 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Livingston County's property values continue to decline; home foreclosures are at a record high; and a majority of our local units are experiencing increased delinquent property taxes; most notable in Special Assessment Districts where their revenue stream is intended to make annual debt payments; and

WHEREAS, House Bills #4148, #4149 & #4150 seek to provide some relief to property owners and local municipalities to pay the delinquent taxes and make annual debt payments; and

WHEREAS, House Bill #4148 is a bill to create the delinquent special assessment revolving loan fund; to provide for the administration of the fund; to prescribe requirements for loans from the fund; to prescribe duties of certain state and local officials; and, to make appropriations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill #4149 is a bill to amend "The General Property Tax Act" (1893 PA 206), by amending Section 78a (MCL 211.78a), as amended by 2008 PA 352, whereby allowing the County Board of Commissioners, by Resolution, to determine the amount of interest to be added to property returned as delinquent under this section; at a non-compounded rate of not more than 1% per month; and

WHEREAS, House Bill #4150 is also a bill to amend "The General Property Tax Act" (1893 PA 206), by amending section 87b (MCL 211.87b), as amended by 2002 PA 198, whereby allowing the County Board of Commissioners, by Resolution, to determine the amount of interest to be added to the delinquent taxes (for charge-back to local units) under this subsection; at a non-compounded rate of not more than 1% per month; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby urges Michigan Legislators to immediately support House Bills 4148, 4149 & 4150 with minor modifications: "Allowing the State Tax Commission to annually set the amount of interest to be added to the delinquent taxes at a non-compounded rate of not more than 1% per month".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners urges all local units within the County to contact their Michigan State Senators and State Representatives and urge them to act immediately and that the Livingston County Clerk be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan State Senators and State Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Counties in the State of Michigan.

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MOVED: Commissioner LaBelle

SECONDED: Commissioner Mantey

CARRIED: 8-0-1 absent Roll call vote: Ayes: LaBelle, Jones, Mantey, Domas, VanHouten, Drick, Williams, Griffith; Nays: None; Absent: Dolan